

## Official Newsletter of the Miniwanca Younger Boys and Pre-Senior Camps

THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION, 3930 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis 8, Mo.



# Easter

DAY OF VICTORY - DAY OF LIFE

Christmas - Good Friday - Easter - and Pentecost - all belong together, as necessary memorials of Christianity as a living, saving, life-enhancing movement.

At Christmas we celebrate with singing gladness and gifts of love, the birth of the Baby Jesus, God's own gift of Love to the world.

On Good Friday we reflect deeply upon the greatest of tragedies; the repudiation, false condemnation, crucifixion, and subsequent rejection of Jesus by the

authoritative Council of his own church and by his own people.

At Pentecost (Whitsunday) the Holy Spirit came upon, and transformed, a group of waiting and praying followers, into a dynamic religious movement. The Christian Movement started then, and has been going on ever since with increasing power.

But Easter is the day of all days; when God raised the Crucified Jesus from the dead; vindicated his character and worth before all the world; and set him free as the constant living mediator of the Love and the Grace of God unto the souls of men. The Christ of Christian Faith for Ever.

And that Living Christ is the real Cause of Miniwanca; His way of life the real meaning of our program. And Spring and Easter are here again; Life - life - life. The Fourfold life. Life Eternal - here and hereafter - now and forever!

- DR. O. W. WARMINGHAM "Kodaya"



A BIG "HELLO" TO ALL MINIWANCA CAMPERS AND LEADERS!!

Here's your copy of the annual Easter Edition of our camp paper - "The Trail" - and it brings you greetings from all the Directors and Leaders....from Joe and Dad and Kodaya and Gus and Charlie....and from several campers.

We've had a pretty rugged winter here in St. Louis - as most of you have probably experienced in your home towns - but in only eighty-six (86) days from Easter we'll all be enjoying the lakes and sand dunes in Michigan.



L A R R Y   R A Y   WRITES   FROM   HIS   HOME   IN   NEW ERA, MICHIGAN   ....

Dear Campers:

If you were at Camp Miniwanca today you would find below zero temperatures, tall white hats on the chimneys, two feet of snow covering the ball diamonds and tennis courts and Old Baldy inviting you to bring on your skis.

Stony Lake is frozen over with ice two feet thick. There are a few fishing shanties on the ice but few fish being caught.

Sincerely,

- LARRY RAY

Thanks to you Larry for painting this winter, word picture of our favorite camp for us, and we're mighty glad you're going to be back with us this summer.

AND HOW ARE YOU - AND YOU - AND YOU ???

- RUD ABBOTT over there in Grand Rapids; and CALVIN BOYD in Oak Park; and BILL BRIDGES in Webster "Graves"; and JONATHAN BUGBEE down there in Charleston, W.Va.; and CHARLES CROWE in Wilmette; and JOHNNY EASTMAN over in Honesdale, Pennsylvania; and WALLY EXMAN up in Scarsdale, New York; and DICK HERBERTS in Western Springs; and JIM AND JOHN ILER down Louisville way; and JACK JOHNSTON over in Elyria, Ohio; and HENRY KELLER in Shaker Heights, Ohio; and BILL MC INTIRE in Tiffin, Ohio; and JOHN POWELL in St. Joseph, Missouri; and TOM ROGERS up in Moline; and GEORGE WANDEL in Grandview, Indiana....and that's only some of the "old timers" who are having "another date in '48" at Miniwanca. But we must stop short now and tell you about

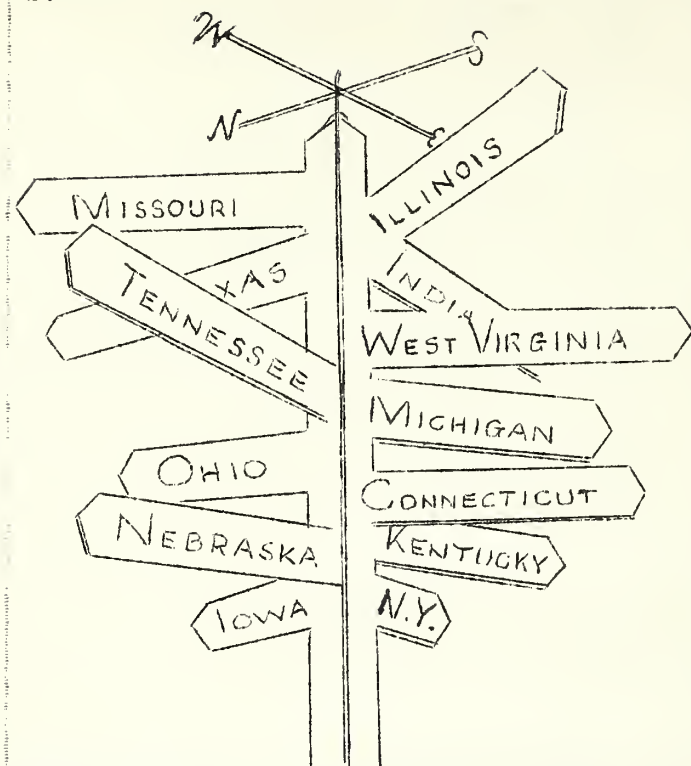
THE EIGHT BRAND NEW SAIL BOATS

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especially constructed for us and which will be rigged and rarin' to go by June 23rd! Yes sir! They're the new streamlined, redesigned Lark Model Catboats. They were made out of clear Tidewater Cypress wood, and should last us many years with proper care. And what a sail they're going to have to make them skim over the water like lightning - listen to these dimensions - leech 26', luff 24'9", foot 13'. The 1948 campers will be the first ones to use these neat sail boats. These will bring our fleet up to 13 sail boats. And with all the rowboats and canoes, you know we'll have a good time in 1948.







and now for a BIG "HI THERE FELLA" to the following NEW CAMPER'S who are registered as of the day we go to press - but of course, there will be some more new guys before camp opens...(do any of them live near you? If they do be sure to tell them all about camp and how to pack their camp gear.)

SAMUEL BOATWRIGHT, Evanston, Ill.; TOM BOWMAN, Webster Groves, Mo.; BOB BUCHANAN, Maryville, Tenn.; CHARLES CRAMPTON, Moline, Ill.; BOB CRAWFORD, Mansfield, Ohio; ROBERT E. CRAWFORD, St. Louis; ROBERT FERGUSON, Cleveland, Ohio; "CHIP" FERRY, Webster Groves, Mo.; BOB FLETCHER, Charleston, W.Va.; FRANK FORNEY, Oak Park, Ill.; ROBERT FRASER, Battle Creek, Mich.; BILL FUHRI all the way from Fort Worth, Texas; LESTER GEISEL, Huntington, W. Va.; WAYNE GIVENS, Riverside, Ill.; DONALD GIBBONS, Mexico, Mo.; ROBERT HAGEMANN, Clayton, Mo.; BYRL HATLESTAD, Elmwood, Conn.; REUBEN HEDWUND, Chicago, Ill.; WARREN HERBERTS,

Western Springs, Ill.; DONALD JORDAN, Webster Groves, Mo.; PAUL JOYCE, Clayton, Mo.; GUY KRAUSE, Clayton, Mo.; DONALD MAGOWAN, Oak Park, Ill.; LYN MAKEEVER, Davenport, Ia.; JAN MARES all the way from Dickinson, Texas; PAUL MUMFORD, Western Springs, Ill.; BILL MYERS, Coal Valley, Ill.; DONALD NOODEN, Riverside, Ill.; HOWARD OHLINE, St. Louis; ROBERT RHOADES, Lincoln, Nebr.; BURT ROWE, Sikeston, Mo.; JOHN RUHL, Grand Rapids, Mich.; BRUCE SHAWVER, Davenport, Ia.; TOM SMITH, Three Rivers, Mich.; REX and EUGENE STEELE, Marshall, Mich.; PETER THORSON, Dubuque, Ia.; PETER VANDERVOORT, Battle Creek, Michigan; HOWARD WAKEFIELD, Chicago, Ill.; JON WATKINS, Charleston, W. Va.; CHARLES WESTRUP, Webster Groves, Mo.; JACK WILDGEN, St. Louis; and BOB WILSON of Webster Groves, Mo. (plus five more since this was typed) BILL CHRISTISON, Moline, Ill.; BOB CRISWELL, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; DONALD GILMAN, Mexico, Mo.; JAMES N. MAC ALISTER, Colwyn, Penna.; and RICHARD M. SCHLAKER, Bedford, Ohio. So it's a BIG WELCOME TO MINIWANCA, boys, and no matter what kind of a camp you may have attended before, we know you'll like the Miniwanca brand of camping after you've had a good taste of it.

### DID YOU KNOW THERE'S A NEW STAGE IN THE ASSEMBLY ???

Sure enough! Mr. Rudolph Burmeister, our builder, has knocked out the north wall of our big assembly building, and built a stage on the porch...right alongside Dad Waite's little room. It is about 16" above floor level, and tall enough to take the six-foot actors. It's plenty wide and deep and there are windows on the east and west sides of it. So Ed. Clark and Bob Jay and other leaders interested in dramatics can be figuring how to make the best use of this new improvement. Incidentally, we can now accommodate more people in the audience because folks will be able to be seated in the section of the "T" shaped building where the stage formerly was located. Here's to some good plays and a whale of a good LEADERS' FROLIC.

### PLANS HAVE ALSO BEEN DRAWN FOR

a new toilet house using pressure type valves instead of the box mechanisms now in use. It will be roomier, with more light and air, and comply with all Michigan State health regulations. Some day the YB Camp will have their own log-cabin health center on one of the dunes overlooking Stony Lake. And how about some new elevated seats in the Four-Way Lodge for our many activities down there in the woods?

How about reading a few letters from some of your pals at camp last summer? Here goes! - - from Milwaukee, "the town that Bob Johnson made famous", he writes:

### BACK TO MINIWANCA

Two weeks after getting home from YB last year I returned with Dad and my Pal to see my sister graduate from OG. It was just like starting out for camp. We took the car-ferry to Ludington and drove down to camp where we arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Boy, was I in for a surprise! Naturally I headed for my old tent where I had spent five weeks, but one look at the clothesline and I knew this was no place for me. Don't tell Eston but the place was taken over by the "gals", and they called it the "Outpost". Before leaving we climbed Old Baldy and Darer Dune and also had a swim. We went to State Stunt Night in the Grand Council Circle, but wouldn't admit to Sis that it had anything on YB. Next morning, Sunday, went to church to see Sis graduate. It sure was thrilling and made me appreciate more than ever what it means to be a Miniwanca camper.

- BOB JOHNSON

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Now from the home of the Northwestern "Wildcats" in Evanston, Illinois, Bryant Boatwright sends this message...

Hi Fellers,

If all the rest of the boys from Illinois are like me I know that they are spending part of this cold stormy winter wishing they were up at camp.

I've had a busy winter, working hard in school and having fun too, playing football and basketball. I am in the Pastor's class and will join the church Easter. Sincerely,

- BRYANT BOATWRIGHT

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Let's tune in on the East Lansing, Michigan station with Jim Ballantine announcing:

Hi Fellows:

It won't be long now! It will be swell to see the old gang again and I hope you can all come back.

I often think of "Old Baldy"....those 119 steps...and the good eats too. Then the quiet Sundays and Vespers with "Dad" Waite and the leaders.

Here's wishing you all good luck in school and I'll be seeing you in June.

- JIM BALLANTINE

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And now from Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio with Bob Kelly broadcasting:

As the second semester grinds on and the rains begin, I think most of the YB boys like myself start to remember the sand in our beds at Miniwanca. Bill has just had his midyears at Yale and is recuperating with a short vacation. There is another "YB 47" here this year, Bill Fall. We have been having a terrific winter, although now it is being ruined by steady rains. Although Bill's away at school, I'm sure he says "HELLO" to all of you. I'm looking forward to another year on the sand dunes by Lake Michigan. See you there.

- BOB KELLY



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From Normandy, Mo. (St. Louis is a suburb of it) John Porter carries on ...

Memories of the 1947 camp season have been pleasant company for me all winter - and I eagerly await the 1948 season - in fact I'm count the days (only 129 more).

At the local Lutheran church where I attend, our young people have been collecting money for C.A.R.E. packages. Haven't missed school or Sunday-School so far this year. We've had our fill of sleigh-riding this winter and right now the streets are covered with ice. See you all at camp.

- JOHN PORTER

At this point, may I remind you that there are only a few places left in the 1948 YB Camp. If you know of some fellow at school or church who would like to have some good times with you around Stony Lake this summer, why don't you PUT HIS NAME DOWN ON THE GOLDEN ROD SHEET ATTACHED TO THIS COPY OF THE "TRAIL"??? Each year the camp is filled to capacity and it is necessary to start a "Waiting List". You not only do your pal a favor, but the parents of a new camper generally appreciate the facts about a good camp. And if you could find the name of a Younger Girl or two just write the information about them on the lower section of the sheet. THANKS A LOT for your help....and remember only "personally recommended" fellows and girls ever get to Miniwanca! (A Waiting List has already been established in the Younger Girls Camp.)

READ

LOOK

#### EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE

some boy writes in to the Founder Office and says "I wonder if you could tell me where I can get a copy of that swell little book which Kodaya wrote." Well, if you're interested in Kodaya's book of poems entitled "SINGING SANDS AND SILVER SEA" just send a check or money order for \$1.10, made payable to the American Youth Foundation, to 3930 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis 8, Missouri, and you'll receive by return mail your copy of this popular book by a very popular camp leader.

#### WE WANT TO THANK ALL THE 1947 PRE-SENIORS

who filled out the Craft Questionnaire which we recently distributed. All the information and ideas you fellows shared with us were certainly appreciated and Charlie Pauck will work out just about the finest craft program for older boys of any camp in the country. (Any of you Pre-Seniors who forgot about returning this sheet, it's not too late to do it, and we'll try to incorporate your ideas into the 1948 Crafts program). All campers - DARERS, DOERS AND PRE-SENIORS - will be interested to know that we are also improving the Craft Shop with more benches, electrical outlets, etc. and of course, there will be new projects to work on.

#### MANY CAMPERS HAVE SUGGESTED A NEW OUTDOOR COUNCIL CIRCLE

which the YB Camp can really call their own, because it would be built by the 1948 campers themselves. In the early days of our camp the men and boys constructed a "Stockade" at the spot where the Michigan Trail and the Main Unit Trail come together. They also built their own small Council Circle in a draw, on the way up to what is now YB Vesper Dune. Any of you fellows who have some ideas and muscle, write out your plans and come prepared to do your share on a real camp service job.

#### BY THE WAY, IF YOU KNOW ANY

college students (preferably Miniwanca men) who would like to apply for a job on the 1948 YB Leadership Staff have them write us at once for detailed information!

W A D J E P I :

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Here's the dope on some prospects for the YOUNGER BOYS Camp at Miniwanca:

PARENTS

NAME (Please PRINT)	AGE	INITIALS	ADDRESS
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And here are a couple of YOUNGER GIRLS Camp prospects for good measure!

PARENTS

NAME (Please PRINT)	AGE	INITIALS	ADDRESS
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Cooperatively yours,

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Camper





And now we come to several columns of letters from our Miniwanca Leaders!

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Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Niles, Michigan

Hi Gang!

Just three months to go until Miniwanca calls us to another grand summer of exciting camping experiences. So many things call us -- old and new friendships ...waterfront activities of swimming and boating...crafts, classes and interests...those special days, both old and new... Eating Lodge fun...the new dune...overnight on the beach...vespers! At this joyous Easter time we live in the glow of a risen Christ and resolve once again to live at our best in the Jesus Way.

- JOE WHITWAM

Director YB Camp

St. Louis, Missouri

Hi, "Curly"! Hi, George! Hi, ---!

What was that rumble you heard? It was the TRAIL'S Editor hollering "Quit those individual salutations - don't you remember there were 158 fellows in camp?"

Well, HI GANG! How I wish I could drop in on each of you! Fellowship, you know, closer and ever closer fellowship, is what makes Miniwanca tops. Since camp I have seen the Mead brothers more than any others and a chat with them is always as refreshing as a breeze blowing across an athletic field. Now I'm wondering who will be the first to whom I'll say "HI!" on June 23rd????(Guess who wrote this?)

- "DAD" WAITE

Berea, Kentucky

Hello Boys -

The YB Craft Shop will endeavor to expand its customary fields of activities and add new ones to the program: railroad modeling (H O gauge), copper tooling, panel carving, and possibly radio assembling. Those interested in whittling bring their own knives. And, if you have a hobby to plug, bring it along also.

"CHARLIE" PAUCK

Hi Fellas!

When Miniwanca literature begins floating my way, it sure seems that summer is just around the corner, and with it another big five weeks at YB. Those memories of last year - songfests and stunts in the 4-Way Lodge...canoe trips and turtle hunts...the evening "guffers" on Old Baldy (your favorite night's doings, Doers, remember?)...the barn dance and the Leaders' hill-billy band (how about you camper musicians? You surely can outdo the leaders!) And now the anticipation of next year - more of these good times plus new friends and new adventures for all of us. See you then.

- DAVE ARMINGTON

Washington University  
St. Louis, Missouri

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS!

All you fellows who take pictures or would like to learn to take them, bring your cameras to camp this summer. Many of you will remember some of the good pictures we took in the photography class last summer, and the fun we had taking pictures on the field trips and developing them in the darkroom. I'll see you at Miniwanca.

- PAUL CORNING

Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

Hi Fellows,

What will it be? - a Hershey or a bag of peanuts? Ooops!! thought I was back in the camp store, but it does sound familiar, doesn't it?

Golly, just think! - in less than three months we'll be sharing another great adventure in four-fold living!

So, start now - pack your "duds", dust off your trunks and start whistling that favorite camp tune. I'll be seeing you at Miniwanca. 'Til then....

- BOB JAY



6.

Stetson University  
Deland, Florida

Hi Fellows,

I wish all of you could have peeped into my home on the 30th of December. That was really a big day for all of us Florida campers, for that was when we held our big sho'nuff jamboree. Fourteen of us who had been to Miniwanca (you didn't know we had that many, did you?) got together for some wonderful singing and talking over old times at Miniwanca, and was it lots of fun. It took almost no time at all to eat up those two turkeys, not to mention all the other food we had. But to me the most fun of all was when we had so many friends come in to see the camp movies; we actually seated 48 people in our living room at one time.

Oh, yes, I'm looking forward to being back in Miniwanca again this summer. Just don't see how I can miss it, for though this will be my 10th year I am still not tired of the place. And, we'll have that newspaper office open (if Ray Budde returns the key) with the presses rolling by the time you get there to welcome you all with a great issue of the "DUNES DISPATCH".

It's going to be wonderful seeing all of you old pals again, and greeting you new fellows too, on that grand day, June 23rd.

- ESTON MATHEWS

Otterbein College  
Westerville, Ohio

HI THERE, YOU SWIMMERS!

On these cold winter mornings do you ever stop and remember the nice warm water in Stony Lake and think of the fun ahead for this summer? The swimming classes are going to be none but the best. Everyone will be learning to swim or perfecting his style.

Waiting for June will be tough, but work hard at school for a few more months and we'll be seeing you on Stony Lake.

- BILL TROOP

Washington University  
St. Louis, Missouri

What Do You Say Boys?

"Time flies" is an old saying, but it surely doesn't work as far as I'm concerned. I've been waiting for camp time to roll around again for the past six months. However, the vivid impression left on me by last year's camp hasn't dulled a bit. That "four-fold" pattern of life gives a fellow something to live by in every phase of his activities.

I'll be looking forward to seeing the old campers again, and especially will I be looking forward to seeing those swell leaders with whom I was privileged to work and play last summer. Their friendship is priceless as far as I'm concerned.

- DAVE WARREN

Princeton, New Jersey  
High School  
Home Economics Dept.

Hi Fellows,

In just a few short months most of last year's kitchen crew will be returning to our beloved "YB". We hope to see all of you back too.

Although food prices are quite high, and variety in foods is hard to obtain, we have been planning all year for our camp this summer, and we promise you better meals than ever this year. Even now as I write, I think I can smell those pancakes browning over the open fires at Point Sable. Remember the candy apples at the County Fair? We do, and we promise a surprise this year too.

Enough for this preview -- see you on June 23, 1948. Foundlerly,  
- RUTH STEINER  
and the YB Kitchen Crew





A good camper shares his copy of the camp paper with his parents...don't delay - show them this issue of the TRAIL today!

Here are a few things you will want to be talking over in advance with your mother and dad -



## PARENTS

FIRST, about duffel bags and camp trunks or lockers. A little later on full information will be sent to parents regarding your camp clothes and equipment. Most parents already have the information. Some like to use duffel

bags; others suitcases; and still others prefer small flat trunks. In a number of cases, parents have had made a stout wooden box, with hinges and padlock, and this is good if lumber can be obtained. Big wardrobe trunks should NEVER be brought to camp. It is best to have a trunk that will slip under a cot - the height of which should not be more than 13" - the width and length do not matter so much.

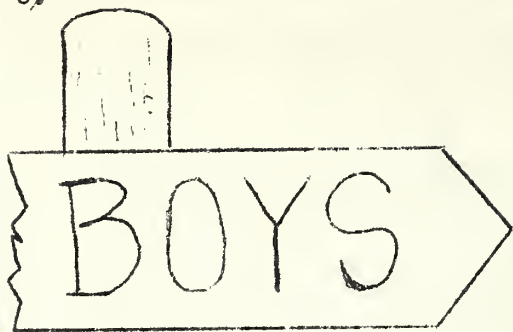
SECONDLY, we would like to suggest the use of laundry mailing cases. We expect the laundry situation still to be acute this season. For several years parents have been mailing a box of fresh laundry each week, and the camper each week returns a box of soiled clothes. To keep this exchange working on schedule, there really should be two laundry mailing boxes for a family. This plan also makes it unnecessary to ship all of your clothes to camp at the start of the camping period. Moreover, it is the safest way to ship laundry and make sure the camper has clean clothes. At the close of camp it's a good way to send things home, since boys sometimes become careless in wrapping their bundles.

THIRDLY, a word about camper insurance. This plan has been in operation for several years and we are ready again to give it our hearty approval. The cost is low, \$5.00 for the five week camping term, with a 48 hour travel coverage, both ways, and it covers trips away from camp under camp direction. The limit of reimbursement is \$250 per accident, \$100 for sickness, and \$500 for accidental death. No one anticipates accidents or sickness, and the Camp Miniwanca health and safety record is an enviable one, and we shall do everything in our power to keep it so. Coverage of this kind, however, is very desirable protection. Full details will be sent later, including the name and address of the insuring company to which all applications should be sent.

FOURTHLY, concerning travel plans, it is a bit early to discuss details. Full information is being sought from the various railroads, bus companies, and steamship lines, and complete details regarding travel will later be sent to the parents of all registered campers. It is anticipated that our travel plans will be very much as they were last summer. Perhaps this year more parents will be driving their children to camp.

FIFTHLY, it is suggested that early consideration be given to the way in which you plan to mark all items of clothing and equipment. We recommend name labels for clothing and bedding. Adhesive tape is usable on some items.





And here are some things you boys will want to BE SURE TO BRING !!!  
YOUR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. We always have a lot of fun in our tents, in the Four-Way Lodge, at the banquet, etc. with our musical instruments - so help us have another good band and orchestra.

COMIC COSTUMES for the stunt nights, masquerades, or what have you. By the way, if you should find some old costumes you don't want any more, they would find a welcome in the Camp Costume Room.

HOBBY MATERIAL, which you may have started to work on at home, and want to finish at camp - just pack it up and bring it along!

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES. We hope to have dozens of books from the Michigan State Traveling Library again, but probably you have several books which you've enjoyed reading and would like to add to the camp library so that other boys can enjoy them too. Bring some old copies of LIFE, POPULAR MECHANICS, BOYS LIFE, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC and other good magazines which would be a fine addition to the camp library.

FISHING TACKLE - just how good a fisherman are you? There are plenty of big fellows in Stony Lake if you are good enough to land them! You can fish during the interest group period and have a real fish fry out in the open. So come on fishermen - let's catch some big bass.

BOY SCOUT TEST MATERIALS. Camp Miniwanca will again be fully accredited by the National Council to pass Scout Tests, and dozens of fellows pass their requirements each summer. If there is any special equipment you will need, remember to bring it along. Are you trailing the Eagle?

Would you like to know who else is coming back this summer? Here are the names and towns of some other "old timers" returning to "CM" in '48!

JIM ADAIR, Overland, Mo.; BOB BARTELL, University City, Mo.; JOHN BEALL, Williams, Iowa; JACK CHAPIN, University City, Mo.; DICK CLARK, Webster Groves, Mo.; BRUCE CLEAVER, Richmond Heights, Mo.; DAVID CREATH, Belleville, Ill.; RICHARD CUMMINGS, Chicago, Ill.; FRANK FLINT, Hart, Mich.; DICK FRUIT, Flint, Mich.; GENE GIVENS, Riverside, Ill.; NEIL GOERISCH, St. Louis; "BUD" HAMPTON, University City, Mo.; LEIF HATLESTAD, Elmwood, Conn.; JOHN PAUL HEIDEMAN, Richmond Heights, Mo.; LYNN AND RONNIE HENGES, University City, Mo.; GEORGE HENTHORNE, Chicago, Ill.; JOHN JENNINGS, Moberly, Mo.; DONALD KAMP, Clayton, Mo.; ED. KASE, Chambersburg, Pa.; EDDIE LEWIS, Charleston, W. Va.; BILL MAC CARTHY, Clayton, Mo.; GEORGE MALCOLM, Moline, Ill.; GREGOR MC ADAM, Whiting, Ind.; FREDERIC METCALF, Oak Park, Ill.; JIM AND BOB MEYER, Akron, Ohio; WILLIAM MILL, Mt. Healthy, Ohio; JIM MILLER, McComb, Ohio; CHAD MONROE, Scarsdale, N.Y.; GEORGE NUGENT, East Lansing, Mich.; WAYNE OHLINE, St. Louis; ROBERT OLSON, Shaker Heights, Ohio; DOUG OTTO, Dayton, Ohio; PHIL PUTNEY, St. Louis; JOHN AND TOM RALEY, Clayton, Mo.; DAN RICHART, Hannibal, Mo.; BOB RODGERS, Clayton, Mo.; ELLIOTT AND JACK ROGERS, University City, Mo.; JONATHAN AND TOM ROGERS, Moline, Ill.; JOHN ROPER, Dover, Delaware; DAVID RUSSELL, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; BOB SAUNDERS, St. Louis, Mo.; JOHN SHILLINGTON, Webster Groves, Mo.; WELLINGTON STEVENS, Hart, Mich.; CHARLES TAYLOR, Clayton, Mo.; BOB THAYER, Charleston, W. Va.; ALLAN VLEREBOME, Lancaster, Ohio; JOHN WAGNER, Riverside, Ill.; SAM WESTLAKE, Clayton, Mo.; ARVILLE WHEELER, Nashville, Tenn.; IRVIN WILDMAN, Charleston, W. Va.; CHARLES WILLIAMSON, Charleston, W. Va.; and RICHARD ZULAUF, St. Louis. (And here are the names of four former campers who just got registered in time to see their names in print!.... OWEN FONKALSRUD, Mexico, Mo.; TOM KEISER, Bethalto, Ill.; MARKLEY G. METZGER, St. Louis, Mo.; and BLAKE PULLEN, JR., Kirkwood, Missouri.

We're proud to present the following men who so far have been chosen to be ON THE 1948 YB LEADERSHIP STAFF. There will be some additions, and perhaps some cancellations, but here's the team as far as we know now - and it looks like a winner to us!

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# LEADERS

JOE WHITWAM, Director of the 19th YB Camp - who will celebrate his 25th consecutive year as a leader in the Founder Camps - his fourth straight as the Director of the YB Unit; "DAD" WAITE, retired Associate Director and one of the Founders of the American Youth Foundation; DR. O. W. WARMINGHAM ("KODAYA"), Associate Director of the American Youth Foundation; PROF. CHARLES PAUCK of Berea College in Kentucky who will again head the Crafts Department; DAVID ARMINGTON of Euclid, Ohio and Swarthmore College; BILL BENNER Chemical and Electrical Engineer from Washington University in St. Louis; DON BOWMAN, Naval Academy aspirant from Dayton, Ohio; GEORGE BROWN, recently of the U. S. Army in Japan and now at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo.; RAY BUDDE, University of Illinois and high school teacher; ED. CLARK, University of Richmond, Va. theological student; PAUL CORNING, photographic specialist from Washington University; IVAN DORNON, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio; TOM HAMILTON Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.; DICK HAMLIN, graduate George Williams College in Chicago and going into YMCA work professionally; BOB JAY, Ohio State University in Columbus; JIM KIRBY young business from St. Louis who starts his college ministerial training this fall; GLEN KOYL, aquatic leader from Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio; BILL KRAUTKRAMER, Neenah, Wisconsin and more recently of Uncle Sam's Army in Korea; PHIL LEWIS, Navy veteran and student at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind.; ESTON MATHEWS, ten year veteran at Miniwanca from Stetson University, Deland, Florida; JACK MC DERMOTT, Scouting and Indian Lore Specialist, formerly of US Army and now at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo.; JIM PETERS of Anderson, Indiana and Princeton University; DOUG PORTER of Webster Groves and MIT in Cambridge, Mass.; JIM PRICHARD of St. Louis and Yale University; ORVILLE RICHOLSON of Lafayette, Indiana and the University of Missouri; DAVE ROWE of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo. and his brother PARKER ROWE who is just finishing a tour of duty with the U.S. Army Band in the Canal Zone; TED SAUER of Washington University in St. Louis; GLEN SILER, former Army Lt. in Korea and now attending Princeton University; BILL TROOP, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio; BILL VOELKEL, ministerial student at the College of Wooster in Ohio; DAVID WARREN, Washington University, St. Louis; and BROWNELL WHEELER of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. DON PIERCE will again be "Dockman" and sends his greetings to all campers and leaders. It has also been decided to revive the CAMPER-LEADER (in-service training) program and we are happy to announce that the following outstanding Miniwanca Campers are already signed up for this special program: ED. HANPETER of St. Louis; WARD SHANVER of Davenport, Iowa; and JIM BALLENTINE of Charleston, West Virginia. There they are boys, and you know another good camping season is assured for this summer.

It won't be long now - Palm Sunday, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Flag Day.... AND CAMP MINIWANCA STARTS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23RD. SEE YOU THEN! In the meantime remember our camp motto - "BE YOUR OWN SELF, AT YOUR VERY BEST, ALL THE TIME" - in your homes, schools, churches and communities. It will be a very special welcome to all your new campers at the Stony Lake Docks on that grand opening day of camp, and a big HI THERE! to all the seasoned campers. If any of you have any good ideas about how the campers might beat the leaders in the annual camper-leader softball games this year, better bring them with you. Founderly yours,

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P. G. Orwig, Director, AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION



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